

Good Neighbor Environmental Board

MONTHLY ROUND-UP - July 2000

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Board News

MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting - A draft agenda is being put together for the next Board meeting at the Camino Real Hotel in El Paso. As previously announced, the meeting will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19th and the morning and afternoon of Wednesday the 20th. In addition, on the following day, September 21st, Good Neighbor Board members will take part in the currently-scheduled plenary session of the U.S.-Mexico Border XXI Program National Coordinator's meeting, where they will report out on their activities and also facilitate a public comment session.

Final Meeting of 2000 - Good Neighbor's final meeting this year still is scheduled to take place in Brownsville, Texas, on November 2-3. Workgroup sessions are scheduled for the afternoon of November 1st. If you haven't done so yet, please mark your calendars.

PUBLICATIONS

Fourth Report - The Fourth Report to the President and Congress is scheduled to go into production momentarily. Translation, production and printing are being put on fast track to maximize chances that the finished product will be available for the Las Cruces meeting. The generic brochure and workgroup profiles also are scheduled for production in the next month or so.

OUTREACH

Congressional staff briefing - Board members Susan Kunz and Irasema Coronado are co-leading the planning for a targeted Congressional staff briefing by a small number of non-federal Board members on the Hill next month. The purpose of the briefing is to convey general information about the activities of Good Neighbor and to alert staffers to the upcoming Fourth Report to the President and Congress. Participants in the initial conference call to discuss the concept included Susan, Irasema, Rafael Guererro, Winston Martin, and Bill Mc Leese. Jennifer Kraus

and Mark Spalding conveyed their interest but were unable to participate in the call. Gordon Schisler, Elaine Koerner, and student intern Eric Martinez attended from EPA in its role as secretariat for the committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Five-Year Study - A letter from the Chair has been mailed out to survey participants to alert them that they have been selected for participation and that the survey will be sent to them shortly.

WORKGROUPS

August teleconference calls - Phone-in numbers and access codes as usual:

Coordination with Mexico Workgroup: Tuesday, August 8 , 11 Eastern, 10 Central, 9 Mountain, 8 Pacific Time.

Infrastructure Workgroup: Thursday, August 24, 11 Eastern, 10 Central, 9 Mountain, 8 Pacific Time.

Private Sector Workgroup: Wednesday, , August 23, noon Eastern, 11 Central, 10 Mountain, 9 Pacific Time.

Sustainable Development Workgroup: Wednesday, August 16 , noon Eastern, 11 Central, 10 Mountain, 9 Pacific Time

Workgroup Membership List - . Most current list below. Includes several changes from the June Round-Up:

Coordination with Mexico: Pat Banegas, Diana Borja, Jose Bravo, Karen Chapman, Irasema Coronado, Susan Kunz, Ed Ranger, Mark Spalding

Infrastructure: Mark Ayuvoo, John Bernal, M.J. Fiocco, Bill McLeese, David Randolph, Ed Ranger, Placido dos Santos, Alan Stephens, Nancy Sutley, Richard Walling (moved from Sustainable Development), Bob Ybarra

Private Sector: Jennifer Kraus, Winston Martin, Ed Ranger, Ella Rusinko, Linda Smith, Jorge Vargas

Sustainable Development: Allyson Cook, Rafael Guerrero, John Klein, Bess Metcalf, Nancy Sutley, Darrin Swartz-Larson, Rosendo Treviño

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

Irasema Coronado will be the guest speaker at the EPA El Paso monthly open house on Wednesday, August 9th. Thank you, Irasema, for your part in raising Good Neighbor's visibility.

Mark Spalding received this year's prestigious UCSD Joseph Grunwald Award for the Promotion of Inter-American Understanding (2000). Congratulations, Mark.

General News, Resources

****Note: The items in the section below have been cut-and-pasted and compiled from other documents. If you are interested in any of the items, please go to the primary source to ensure complete accuracy.****

BECC - BECC is seeking public comment on the update of the 1998 High Sustainable Development Work Plan. Deadline: August 31, 2000. See www.cocof.org/adsust/workplanSD2000.htm

Book - "Participatory Watershed Development: Challenges for the 21st Century," edited by Farrington, Turton and James, Oxford University Press 2000.

Conflict Resolution - IUCN and the Earth Council have established the International Ombudsman Centre for the Environment and Development. The goal is to provide a non-adversarial mechanism for dealing with potential conflicts pertaining to environment and sustainable development. Details: Josue Anselmo, IUCN, e-mail: joa@hq.iucn.org.

Grants Availability - Year 2000 Watershed Assistance Grants application is available from EPA. Deadline: August 15, 2000. See www.epa.gov/OWOW/highlight.html

Grants Awarded - CEC has awarded grants to 16 environmental projects across the continent. One of the two priority areas was pollutants and health. See www.cec.org

NADBank - Has released its "mandate expansion" document for a 45-day public comment period. Deadline: August 31st. See www.nadhb.org

Pilot Projects - The Southwest Border Task Force has selected four communities as pilot programs for coordinating local economic and community development efforts with federal agency teams in all four U.S. border states. See <http://www.pub.whitehouse.gov/uri-res/I2R?urn:pdi://oma.eop.gov.us/2000/6/28/6.text.1>

Ten States Meeting - Outcome of the July 10-11, 2000 meeting of the state environmental agencies, EPA, and SEMARNAP in Albuquerque, New Mexico: agreement to submit a statement of support to continue the border environment program, including consensus on a strengthened role for states in a future program.

Water Quality - EPA signed the final Total Maximum Daily Load Rule, which requires a comprehensive listing of polluted waters across the country and provides for clean-up plans to be developed and implemented by states over the next fifteen years. See <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/finalrule/>

Watersheds - San Diego Smart Growth Coalition has issued watershed approach recommendations at www.co.san-diego.ca.us/sgc/water/index.htm

Calendar

Note: Event listings below have been drawn from other lists and may be changed. Please check a primary source of information for more details.

- Aug 1- U.S./Mexico Border Hazardous Waste Compliance and Pollution Prevention Seminar, University of Texas-Brownsville Campus (also, Aug 3, McAllen City Hall and Aug 15, El Paso Community College Transmountain Campus)
- Aug 10 - Army Corps of Engineers regional listening session on water needs, Dallas, TX
- Aug 18 - EPA San Diego Border Office Open House
- Aug 29 Border XXI Roundtable, San Diego/Tijuana Region (also, Aug 30, Imperial Valley, CA; Aug 31, Yuma/SanLuis, AZ; Sept 6, Nogales, AZ, Sept 7, Douglas, AZ)
- Sept 6-8 - National Advisory Committee (NAC) & Government Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting under CEC/NAFTA, San Diego, CA
- Sept 7-8 Cumulative Watershed Effects Conference: Status, Gaps and Needs, Univeristy of California-Berkeley, Sacramento, CA
- Sept 12-14 - ExpoAgua 2000 Conference and Exposition, Monterrey, Mexico
- Sept 13-14 - BECC Public Meeting
- Sept 19-20 Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting, El Paso, TX
- Sept 20-21 - Border XXI National Coordinator's Meeting, El Paso, TX
- Sept 22 - NADBank Public Meeting
- Sept 29-31 - Lower Colorado River/Delta Forum, Tucson, AZ
- Oct 5-6 - Mexico-U.S. Border Environment: Stakeholder Participation and Development Policy, University of CA San Diego and ITESM, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon
- Oct 24-25 Border Energy Forum VII, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
- Nov 2-3 Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting, Brownsville, TX

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